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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR FINE GRAIN BANDWIDTH ALLOCATION

IN A SWITCHED NETWORK ELEMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated September 18, 2008 for which a shortened statutory period for reply has been extended up to and including February 18, 2009. A petition for a 2-month Extension of Time is attached hereto. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.